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TO WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE

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FOR DR BRZEZINSKI ONLY

FOLLOWING REPEAT BEIRUT 4068 ACTION STATE AUG 19.

QUOTE

S E C R E T BEIRUT 4068

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, LE, US

KHALIDI

REF: STATE 194979

1. CONVEYED MESSAGE IN REFTEL TO WALID KHALIDI AUGUST 19. HE  
TOOK COPIOUS NOTES AND COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS:

2. HE HAD SEEN ARAFAT AND HIS PRINCIPAL LIEUTENANTS AUGUST 19  
AND WOULD BE SEEING ARAFAT AGAIN 21ST OR 22ND BEFORE LATTER'S  
DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW. HE FEELS ARAFAT AND HIS LIEUTENANTS  
HAVE CROSSED THE RUBICON AND UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY OF  
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ACCEPTING 242. PROBLEM FOR THEM IS THAT OF FINDING  
"IKHRAJ" OR A WAY OUT OF THEIR PRESENT IMPASSE. FOR  
POLITICAL AND PRACTICAL REASONS THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO SAY  
TO THEIR CRITICS THAT THEY HAVE GOTTEN SOMETHING SPECIFIC IN  
RETURN FOR THEIR ACTIONS.

3. BASIC QUESTION IS ONE OF SOVEREIGNTY. HOMELAND OR ENTITY

CONCEPT AS USED IN USG PUBLIC STATEMENTS IS VERY VAGUE. THERE IS ASYMMETRY BETWEEN VAGUENESS OF OUR LANGUAGE IN THAT RESPECT AND RELATIVE PRECISION OF 242 WITH REGARD TO WHAT ISRAEL GETS. IF ARAFAT ACCEPTS 242 THAT MEANS RECOGNIZING ISRAEL AND GIVING IT SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BORDERS IN EXCHANGE OF WHICH HE HAS ONLY SOME VERY GENERAL LANGUAGE AS TO WHAT PALESTINIANS WILL GET IN RETURN. HE NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO SAY: WE ARE GETTING SOVEREIGNTY OVER A PIECE OF TERRITORY.

4. KHALIDI THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS IF WE COULD CONTINUE INFORMAL CONTACTS IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT SOME AGREED LANGUAGE. USG NEED NOT GO PUBLIC. PRIVATE ASSURANCES MIGHT ALSO DO THE TRICK. PROBLEM WAS ONE OF CONFIDENCE. ARAFAT DID NOT WANT TO MAKE CONCESSION TO ISRAEL AND THEN GET LEFT HIGH AND DRY BY US.

5. KHALIDI IS LEAVING BEFORE END OF MONTH TO RETURN TO HARVARD. WE AGREED THAT HE WOULD CALL EITHER ATHERTON OR QUANDT TO DISCUSS WITH THEM POSSIBLE WAYS OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON COMPROMISE BOTH WE AND PLO CAN LIVE WITH. PARKER UNQUOTE VANCE

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